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WASHINGTON STATE OIL SPILL PROGRAMS

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State Agency Roles

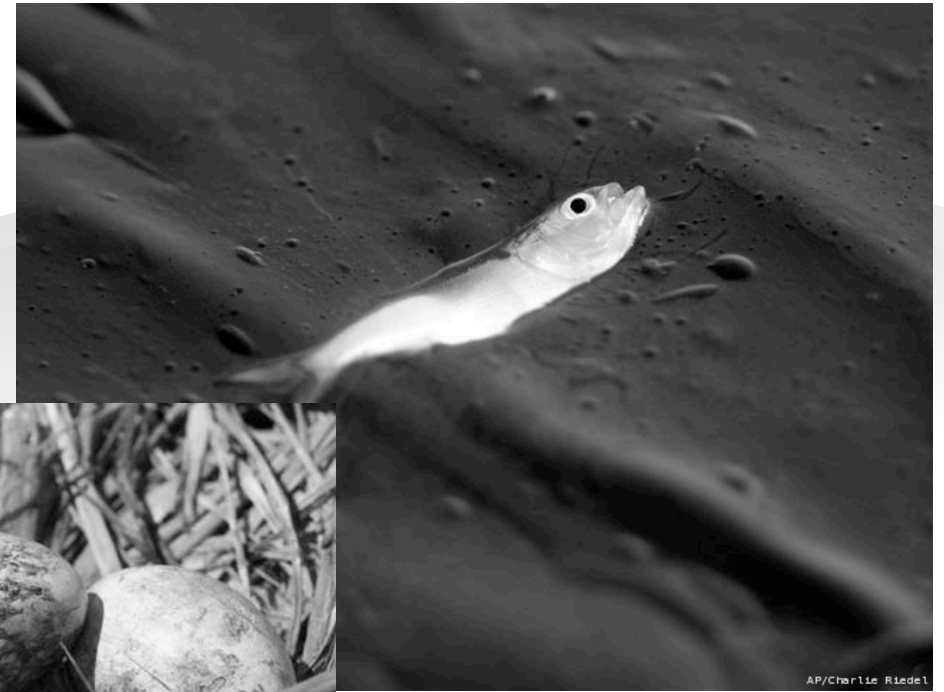
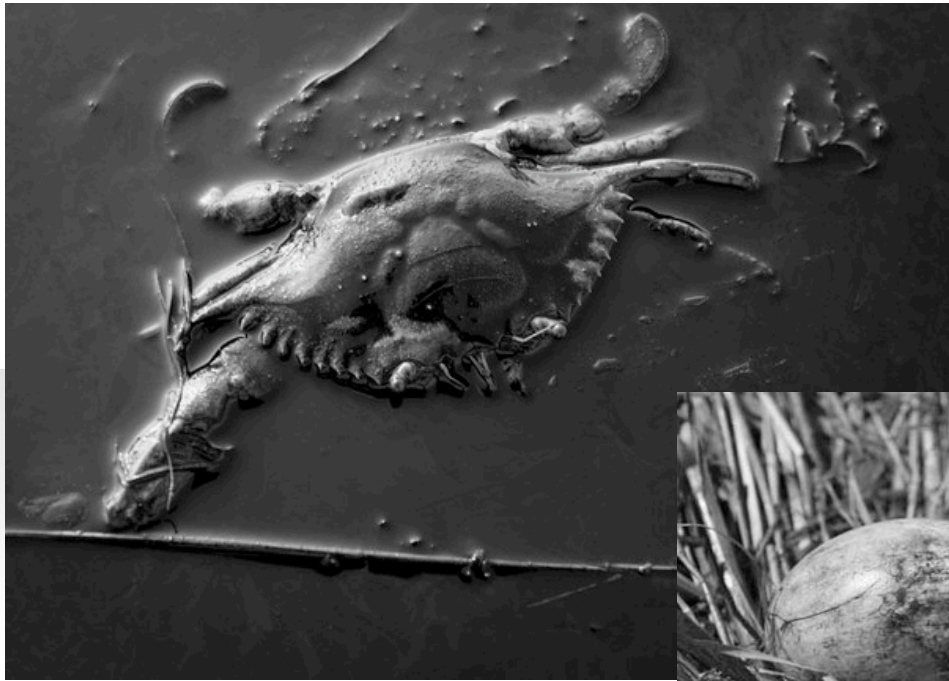
- ◆ Ecology lead on:
 - ◆ Vessel and Facility Spill Prevention
 - ◆ Oil Spill Preparedness
 - ◆ Oil Spill Response
 - ◆ Natural Resources Damages Assessments
- ◆ Fish and Wildlife:
 - ◆ Lead Trustee for Fish and Wildlife, and their Habitats
- ◆ Natural Resources lead on:
 - ◆ Derelict Vessels
 - ◆ State owned aquatic lands

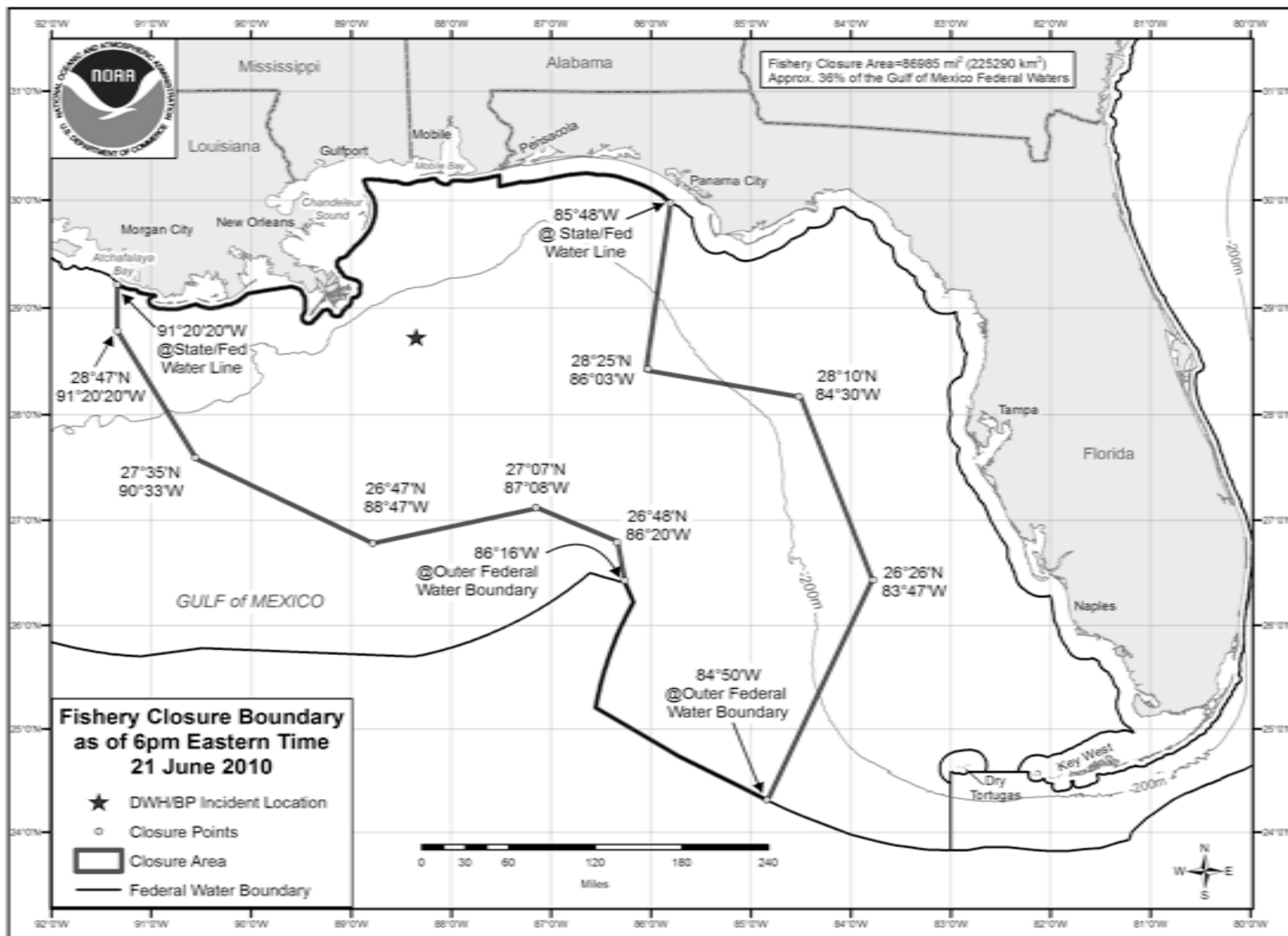




Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Gulf of Mexico
April 20, 2010

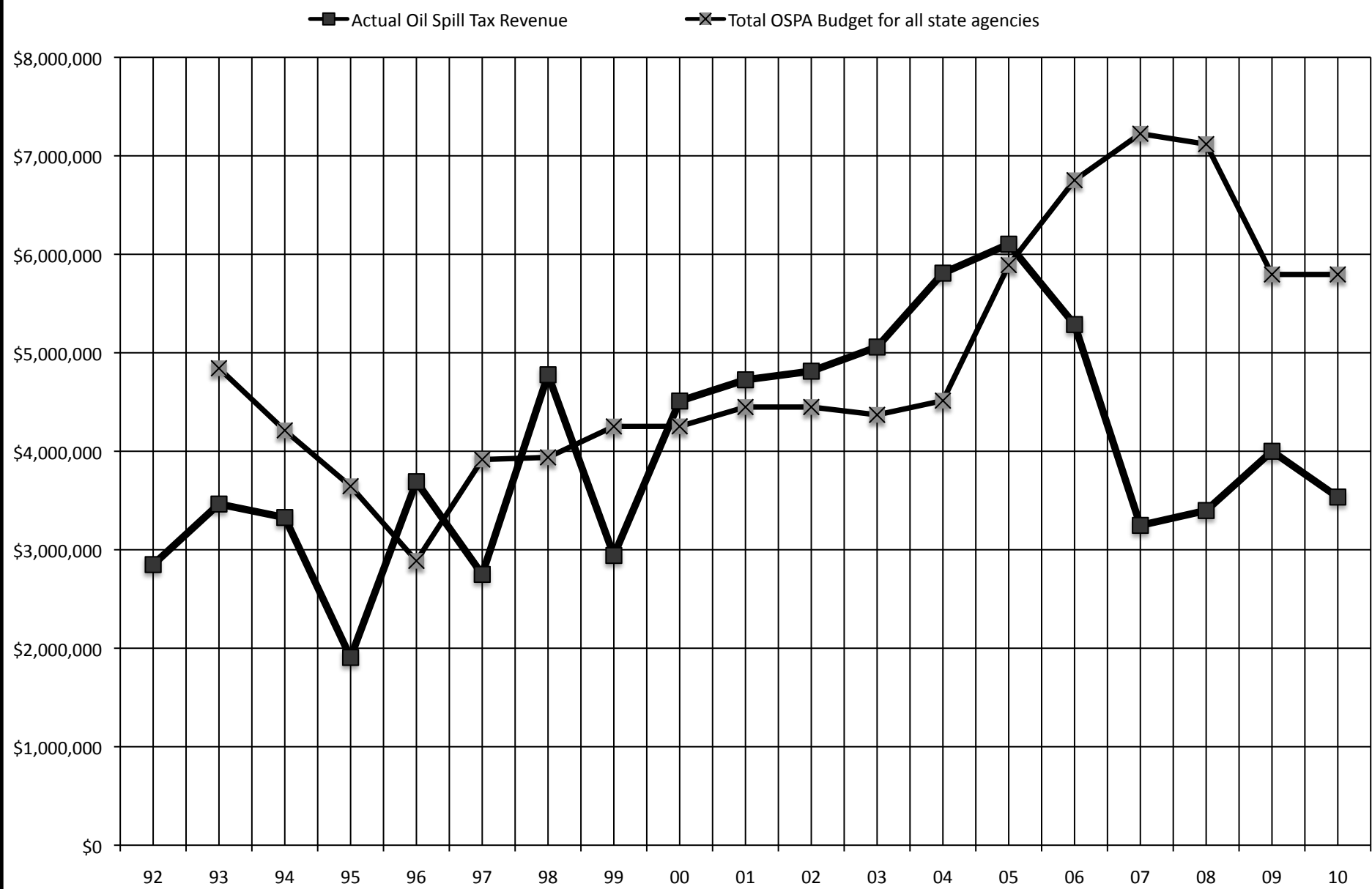






- Spill covers 3500 -6500 square miles of the ocean surface in the Gulf.
- Total area of land and water for Puget Sound is 2458 square miles.

History of Oil Spill Prevention Account Appropriations and Revenue (May 2010)



Looking Ahead - *State Funding Legislation*

Top Priority:

- ◆ Ensure revenue source for the Oil Spill Prevention Account is stable and adequate to support the state's oil spill programs.

Looking Ahead - *State Policy Legislation*

- ◆ Ensure responses to spills and incidents are rapid, aggressive and well coordinated.
- ◆ Improve oil spill preparedness level.
- ◆ Improve ship safety and spill response in waters shared with British Columbia.
- ◆ Provide options for cost-effective waste oil reception facilities for large ships to reduce the amount of oil intentionally dumped into state waters.

Next steps....

- ◆ Oil Spill Cross Partnership Workgroup
- ◆ Stakeholder workshops
- ◆ PSP Interim Report to set stage for legislative actions

Thank You

For more information:

Spills Program Website: [www.ecy.wa.gov/
programs/spills/spills.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/spills.html)

Fish and Wildlife Website:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/oil_spill/index.htm

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Program Overview – *Prevention*

- ◆ Conduct Ship inspections.
- ◆ Ensure spills are prevented at oil refineries.
- ◆ Transition Emergency Response Tug at Neah Bay to private sector funding and management.
- ◆ Oversee oil transfer pre-booming operations.
- ◆ Promote voluntary “best achievable protection.”
- ◆ Investigate causes of spills.
- ◆ Eliminate intentional waste oil dumping by ships.

Program Overview – *Preparedness*

- ◆ Review and approve industry contingency plans.
- ◆ Conduct oil spill drills.
- ◆ Develop Geographic Response Plans (GRPs).
- ◆ Verify and test effectiveness of response equipment.
- ◆ Participate in Area Planning process.

Program Overview – *Response*

- ◆ Protect public health/safety, the environment and economy by:
 - ◆ Rapidly and aggressively responding to and cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills - 24 hours/day from 6 offices.
 - ◆ Building response capability at the local level.
 - ◆ Cleaning up methamphetamine drug labs.
 - ◆ Expanding remote sensing and spill tracking capability.

Program Overview – *Oiled Wildlife Care*

- ◆ Planning:
 - ◆ Set standards for wildlife care
 - ◆ Mobile wildlife rehabilitation facilities
- ◆ Spill Events:
 - ◆ Organize wildlife volunteers
 - ◆ Co-manage wildlife facilities with federal trustees
 - ◆ Wildlife recovery, care and release

Program Overview – *NRDA*

- ◆ Restore environment damaged by oil spills through our Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) program by:
 - ◆ Assessing the impact of spills on state natural resources in partnership with other state, tribal and federal trustee agencies.
 - ◆ Using the Coastal Protection Account to fund and leverage environmental projects.

Washington's Response to Gulf Spill

- ◆ Establish website to track and provide the public with information on the spill.
- ◆ Implemented procedures to approve resources requested for deployment to the Gulf.
- ◆ Applied methodology to analyze and mitigate the impacts on local readiness.
- ◆ Participated in the Emergency Management and Assistance Compact request for resources from state to state.
- ◆ Systematically capturing "lessons learned" for both adaptive management and state/federal legislation.



Looking Ahead - *State Policy Legislation*

- ◆ Ensure responses to spills and incidents are rapid, aggressive and well coordinated.
- ◆ Improve oil spill preparedness level :
 - ◆ Ensure vessels and facilities notify the state of threats of spills and incidents.
 - ◆ Ensure regulated industry has adequate capacity to respond to spills.
 - ◆ Establish a Vessel of Opportunity program to use the local fishing fleet.
 - ◆ Improve volunteer management including registered, convergent, wildlife care volunteers; Address management, registration, training, and liability issues.
- ◆ Improve ship safety and spill response in waters shared with British Columbia:
 - ◆ Review tug escorts for laden tankers.
 - ◆ Ensure responses to major oil spills that cross US-Canadian boundaries are rapid, aggressive and well coordinated.
- ◆ Provide options for cost-effective waste oil reception facilities for large ships to reduce the amount of oil intentionally dumped into state waters.

Looking Ahead – Federal Legislation

- ◆ Increase federal limits of liability.
- ◆ Increase Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and provide for direct state access.
- ◆ Increase the state's authority to protect the unique character of its waters.
- ◆ Provide for federal delegation of certain authorities to states, e.g.:
 - ◆ Vessel and facility oil spill contingency plans
 - ◆ Vessel/facility oil transfer standards and inspections
- ◆ Provide for a national unified command during Spills of National Significance (SONS).
- ◆ Strengthen states' formal role in Regional Response Teams and Area Committees.
- ◆ Strengthen states' role in spills and incidents in the coastal zone outside of 3 miles, and in source control and salvage issues.
- ◆ Improve industry's ability to provide 24-hour oil spill recovery operations.